# THE
# MOUNT CARMEL
# GUILD

## ANNUAL REPORT

## 1968 – 1969

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This year, the long-awaited Mount Carmel Guild Multi-Service Center and Child Study Center became a reality. Nearly eight years ago we set forth our first proposal for this complex of buildings. Plans were drawn and submitted. For the next six years revision after revision took place. Finally, in 1967, it was announced that our application for Federal and State assistance in the building of the Center was approved and construction began in November of that year.

Now, two years later, both buildings are open and bring new and increased services to the Community. One of the most comprehensive Community Mental Health units in our nation is located in this Center – one of the most up-to-date Hearing and Speech Diagnostic and Treatment facilities is also housed there – and rounding out the new center is our expanded program of rehabilitation, special education and counseling for the visually handicapped. Coupled with the Child Study Center for brain–damaged, mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed children, this is indeed a unique complex of buildings, and a third structure is planned to be added within the next five years. This will contain vocational rehabilitation training programs for a wide variety of handicapped and disadvantaged people.

More important than the buildings, the equipment and the programs, however, are the people who make up our staff. Without them the Center would be just so much metal and mortar. The Multi–Service Center and the facilities and programs it offers are only the result of the combined creative talents of the departmental directors and their respective staffs. One of the many complimentary statements we have received through the years is perhaps the most appropriate description of our Guild employees. It came from a government official who said, "Never have I seen so many people assembled in one organization who are so genuinely interested in helping other people."

An equally tremendous source of gratification to us is our devoted corps of volunteers. This group of dedicated women and men has been the backbone of the Guild for 39 years. Their willingness to give so freely of their time and talents whenever the call has gone out has never faltered. Although it is humanly impossible to bestow sufficient gratitude for their sacrifices we take this opportunity to recognize their efforts.

It is hoped that the information contained in this annual report will give the reader an idea of the breadth and scope of the Mount Carmel Guild's programs. Statistics cannot portray a complete picture of the dedicated work of the staff and volunteers. They can, however, show the results of this work. This report is also intended to serve as a source of inspiration which will encourage new and increased support to help us – to help others – to help themselves.

Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Dooling
Archdiocesan Director

## APOSTOLATES FOR THE HANDICAPPED

### 1969

The Apostolates for the handicapped are made up of the Priest Directors, and volunteer teachers and parents in an effort to aid the Parish priest in his Apostolic work with the handicapped.

**Apostolate for the Visually Handicapped**

Director: Rev. Msgr. Richard M. McGuinness, S.T.L., Ph.D.

This apostolate encourages visually handicapped children to attend their local CCD Classes or receive their religious education in the Catholic schools they now attend with their sighted peers. Special material, such as Braille or large print or taped instruction material, is provided by the Department of the Visually Handicapped, upon request. Twenty-seven adults attended last year's Day of Recollection.

**Apostolate for the Deaf**

Director: Rev. Msgr. John P. Hourihan, S.T.L., M.A.

Archdiocesan Chairman: Miss Gladys Winter

Adult Centers are located in the four counties of the Archdiocese for the convenience of the deaf people who are active in the many spiritual, social and rehabilitative programs arranged for them by the Guild volunteers. Catechetical Schools for the children's religious instruction are located in Essex, Hudson and Union Counties, each with its Priest Director and volunteer teachers. Assisting this department were 12 volunteer teachers and 6 volunteer drivers, with a total of 756 hours.

The Visual Aids Research Department is under the direction of Rev. Edward J. Hayes.

**Apostolate for the Retarded**

Director: Rev. Matthew M. Pesaniello, M.A.

Assistant Director: Mr. Joseph Vuono

The programs for the more than 300 handicapped children enrolled in this Apostolate (social, recreational and catechetical) are planned and carried out by a dedicated group of volunteer parents and professional and non-professional teachers and helpers recruited from nearby colleges, high schools, and parish groups such as Newman Clubs, CCD, etc. Last year a total of 189 volunteers, including 14 parent Auxiliaries, under the direction of the Priest Directors in the four counties, ran dances, card parties, theater parties, etc. and conducted 24 Catechetical Centers for the retarded.

The Apostolate arranged last June for the children who wanted to go to camp, a one-week camping vacation. All who attended are looking forward to next summer.

County Directors: Essex – Rev. Matthew M. Pesaniello
Hudson – Rev. Charles A. Reinbold
Union – Rev. Pierce Byrne
Bergen – Rev. Vincent Quinn

Director of Catechetical Centers: Mrs. Samuel Brown
Director of Parent Auxiliaries: Mrs. Thomas Narucki
Director of Curriculum Development: Miss Genevieve SanFilippo

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1969

Social Services

Mrs. Thomas J. Smith, Archdiocesan President

### ARCHDIOCESAN DEPARTMENTS

**Americanization:** Miss Marie Fortunato, Chairman

A total of 455 hours was given, assisting immigrants in the following manner:

34 Conferences
281 Persons assisted
185 Telephone calls
233 Letters written
14 Citizenship papers obtained

**Physical Relief:** Mrs. John Padovano, Chairman

Two hundred ninety-four volunteers gave 19,407 hours distributing the following items to needy people in the area, as well as to the Missions, at an estimated value of $10,859.00:

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| 733 Families | 4553 Pounds of Food |
| 1052 Adults | 2716 shoes, clothing, medicines |
| 2261 Children | 2221 grocery orders |
| 2879 Interviews | 4100 drug items to Missions |

**Material Transfer:** Mrs. Henry Moretti, Chairman

One hundred thirty-eight volunteers donated 4396 hours of time obtaining and helping to distribute the following:

24,795 Items of new and used clothing
956 Pairs of shoes

The estimated value of the material is $29,705.00.

**Sewing and Outfitting:** Mrs. Leo Conway, Chairman

Four hundred two volunteers donated 13,948 hours to producing and purchasing for distribution the following:

909 Articles of clothing
6268 Cancer dressings
1089 Miscellaneous items and knitted cancer dressings

**Institutional Visitation**

One hundred thirty-six volunteers donated 3498 hours to visiting and distributing gifts to hospitals, homes and institutions, and caring for the sick at home. The items included wearing apparel, bedding, hospital equipment, cancer dressings, bandages, wipe-ups, and gowns, as well as Christmas gifts, etc. Programs at the institutions covered recreation, entertainment, card parties and meals on wheels. The institutions visited included:

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| Bergen Pines County Home for Aged | |
| Brook Lodge Nursing Home | 14 |
| Edna B. Conklin Home | |
| Englewood Hospital | |
| Holy Name Hospital | |
| Home for Crippled Children and Adults | 243 |
| Memorial General Hospital | |
| Pollak Hospital | |

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| N. J. State Fireman's Home | 105 |
| St. Elizabeth Hospital | |
| St. Anne's Convent, Garwood | 17 |
| St. Joseph's Villa, Rockleigh | |
| St. Rose of Lima Cancer Hospital | 16,258 |
| St. Ann's Home for the Aged | |
| St. Anne's Villa, Convent Station | 4,850 |
| St. Joseph's Home | |
| Dominican Nuns, Caldwell | |
| Benedictine Nuns, Elizabeth | 188 |
| Meadow View Hospital | |
| Mental Hospital, Secaucus | |
| St. Rose of Lima Home for Aged | |
| Union County Penitentiary | 323 |

**Volunteers for the Blind**

Four hundred fifty-five volunteers gave 11,535 hours to help blind and visually handicapped persons in this area. Programs served 1246 people free of charge, Included in the programs are socials, hobby classes and educational classes, under the direction of Joseph Novack, ACSW and with the help of a professional staff. A total of 8846 class hours, and services in 31 categories, were offered. One of the many outstanding groups chauffered 1122 people for a combined distance of 35,000 miles, a donation of approximately 4800 hours.

**Volunteers for the Deaf:** Miss Gladys Winter, Chairman
Miss Elizabeth Grennan, Co-Chairman

Ten volunteers gave 2225 hours to the following social recreational and educational programs for deaf persons in the Archdiocese:

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| Annual Social | 125 |
| Christmas Party | 300 |
| Spring Ball | 280 |
| Picnic | 60 |
| Sign Language Class | 50 |
| Social Events | 114 |
| Interpreting Sessions | 20 |
| Hospital Visits | 194 |

**Toy Department:** Mrs. Theodore C. Dolch, Chairman

Fifty-nine volunteers helped make and distribute donated articles at Christmas, as follows:

5,503 Toys
1,702 Items of new clothing and shoes
1,175 Dressed Dolls
2,863 Christmas stockings

The Christmas program served 623 families, with a total of 3,812 children, which includes some institutions. This annual activity represents a total of 3676 hours.

**Volunteers for the Mentally Retarded:**
Miss Genevieve San Filippo, Chairman

One hundred ninety volunteers gave 20,969 hours to social, recreational and educational activities for more than 300 handicapped children in the Archdiocese.

MOST REVEREND THOMAS A. BOLAND
ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK

REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOSEPH A. DOOLING
ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTOR

## ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:
MRS. THOMAS J. SMITH

VICE PRESIDENTS:
BERGEN COUNTY: MRS. CHARLES LEHMANN
ESSEX COUNTY: MRS. JOHN PADOVANO
HUDSON COUNTY: MRS. WILLIAM BOTURLA
UNION COUNTY: MRS. HARRY A. HASSON

TREASURER:
REV. MSGR. JOSEPH A. DOOLING

RECORDING SECRETARY:
MRS. FRANK PFAFF

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:
MRS. CARL SCHNEIDER

## COUNTY DIRECTORS AND OFFICES

BERGEN: REV. JOHN VAN WIE
ESSEX: REV. MSGR. WILLIAM NOE FIELD
HUDSON: REV. FRANCIS A. HENNESSEY
UNION: REV. MSGR. CHARLES B. MURPHY

BERGEN: 278 HUDSON STREET, HACKENSACK
489 – 8141
ESSEX: 9 SOUTH STREET, NEWARK
623 – 5313
HUDSON: 182 HANCOCK AVENUE, JERSEY CITY
656 – 0258
UNION: 715 ELIZABETH AVENUE, ELIZABETH
352 – 4412

## COUNTY CHAIRMEN

AMERICANIZATION:
MISS MARIE FORTUNATO — ESSEX

PHYSICAL RELIEF:
MISS ELEANOR CLARK — ESSEX
MRS. JENNIE DI GIULIO — ESSEX
MRS. FRANK LENGER — UNION
MRS. MICHAEL FRANCE — BERGEN

MATERIAL TRANSFER:
MISS MILDRED HARMON — ESSEX
MRS. PHYLLIS ALLONCIUS — HUDSON
MRS. THEODORE STROBELL — UNION
MRS. RAMON SANTER — BERGEN

SEWING & OUTFIT:
MRS. MICHAEL J. O'CONNELL — ESSEX
MRS. MARTY CORTESE — HUDSON
MRS. THEODORE STROBESS — UNION
MRS. WILLIAM PAVLITSCHKO — BERGEN

INSTITUTIONAL VISITATION:
MISS ESTER GERHARD — ESSEX
MISS LOUISE ADORNETTO — HUDSON
MRS. ANTHONY GARGIULO — UNION
MRS. MILDRED CURTIN — BERGEN

VOLUNTEERS FOR BLIND:
MISS HELEN REILLY — HUDSON
MRS. ARTHUR FAGAN — UNION

VOLUNTEERS FOR DEAF:
MISS GLADYS WINTER — ESSEX
MRS. GERALDINE MARESCA — HUDSON
MRS. JANE EINHORN — UNION
MISS ESTELLE KULICIK — BERGEN

VOLUNTEERS FOR RETARDED:
MISS VICTORIA CONTANNO — HUDSON
MISS HELEN FLANNAGAN — UNION

TOY DEPARTMENT:
MRS. THEODORE DOLCH — ESSEX
MRS. M. DOHERTY — HUDSON
MRS. FRANK PFAFF — UNION
MRS. CHARLES LEHMANN — BERGEN